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SUBJECT: Revolutionary Federal Acquisition Regulation Overhaul Phase 1 Class Deviations

Executive Order (E.O.) 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement, established that the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) “should only contain provisions required by statute or essential to sound procurement, and any FAR provisions that do not advance these objectives should be removed.” In collaboration with our FAR Council colleagues and led by the Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), we are implementing this EO with the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO). The RFO marks a return of the FAR to its statutory roots, rewritten in plain language. Additionally, E.O. 14265, Modernizing Defense Acquisitions and Spurring Innovation in the Defense Industrial Base, directs the Secretary of War to eliminate or revise any unnecessary supplemental regulations or any other internal guidance, such as relevant parts of the Financial Management Regulation and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS).

In alignment with these initiatives, the DoW’s Acquisition Transformation Strategy: Rebuilding the Arsenal of Freedom, calls for maximized acquisition flexibility through reduced regulations and processes. As Secretary Hegseth said, “The DoW is undertaking a complete and revolutionary overhaul of the FAR and the DFARS to right size the regulatory environment in collaboration with interagency partners.”

This issuance serves to announce the initial release of the Department’s RFO Phase 1 class deviations, consisting of 31 class deviations to the FAR and DFARS codified text. We are developing the remaining class deviations and plan to release them in January 2026. Effective on February 1, 2026, these class deviations retain DoW-specific statutory direction and direction determined necessary for sound procurement within the new, streamlined RFO structure. Generally, non-statutory policies and procedures are removed, revised, or relocated to the procedures, guidance and information (PGI). The RFO Phase 1 changes represent actions we

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can take unilaterally, in advance of formal rulemaking, to reduce regulatory and procedural burden on both our workforce and on industry. Issuing this first tranche of class deviations now provides a preview of the kinds of changes you can expect to see next month once we release the remaining class deviations. This has been an enormous undertaking to co-develop with our FAR Council colleagues the FAR class deviations and then develop the DFARS class deviations that align with the RFO version of the FAR.

Phase 2 of the RFO will continue throughout 2026 with our issuance of proposed FAR and DFARS rules for public notice and comment. Inquiries regarding this memorandum and the RFO class deviations can be addressed to [osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.dfars@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.dfars@mail.mil).

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